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SUBJECT: POLEMICS BY NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR

1. ON JULY 10, DURING VISIT TO ICELAND IN ORDER TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS, CON GI CAP, AMBASSADOR OF NORTH KOREA (RESIDENT STOCKHOLM), CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE. ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR OPENED BY SAYING HOW PLEASED HE WAS TO BE ACCREDITED TO ICELAND, PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO ATTACK USG POLICY IN KOREA.

2. AMBASSADOR CON GI CAP NOTED THAT DESPITE PRESIDENT CARTER'S CALL FOR REDUCTION IN US MILITARY FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA, PRESENCE HAS NOT BEEN DIMINISHED AND THREAT OF WAR IS AS GREAT AS EVER. IT IS ROK AND UK MILITARY PRESENCE THAT ARE PREVENTING REUNIFICATION OF KOREA, AMBASSADOR MAINTAINED. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, KOREAN SAID HE WAS SURE US WOULD USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EVENT OF NEW CONFLICT IN KOREA BUT THAT DPRK, AS PEACE-LOVING NATION, DID NOT HAVE ANY SUCH WEAPONS OF ITS OWN. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT JUNE 25 TO JULY 27 IS MONTH
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DEDICATED TO SEEKING US MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH KOREA.

4. NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED TO ICELAND GENERALLY KEEP VERY LOW PROFILE SO THAT PRESS CONFERENCE BY KOREAN WAS UNUSUAL EVENT. IT RECEIVED COVERAGE IN TWO ICELANDIC DAILIES ALTHOUGH MENTION HAS NOT BEEN MADE IN

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